

Meeting minutes

Koala Advisory Council

Details

Subject	Koala Advisory Council – Meeting 6 - 13 September 2019
Chair	Mark Townend
Meeting type	Council Meeting
Date	Wednesday, 18 th September 2019
Time	10:00am – 1:00pm
Location	Heritage Collections Learning Room - State Library
Distribution	Koala Advisory Council and DES

Present

Name	Organisation
Mark Townend	RSPCA Queensland
Chris Aston	Planning Group, Department of State Development, Manufacturing, Infrastructure and Planning
Kirstin Kenyon	Conservation and Biodiversity Operations, Department of Environment and Science
Daryl LowChoy	Quandamooka Yoolooburrabee Aboriginal Corporation (proxy for Cameron Costello)
Revel Pointon	Environmental Defenders Office (proxy for Gemma Plesman)
Shannon Mooney	Healthy Land and Water (proxy for Julie McLellan)
Kirsty Chessher-Brown	Urban Development Institute of Australia
Kristy Gooding	Natural Assets and NRM, Local Government Association of Queensland
Crystal Baker	Planning and Development, Local Government Association of Queensland
Marina Vit	MOSAIC Property Group
Ramses Zietek	Program Delivery and Operations, Department of Transport and Main Roads
Rosie Booth	Australia Zoo
Bill Ellis	University of Queensland - School of Agriculture and Food Sciences Faculty of Science

Apologies

Name	Organisation
Jonathan Rhodes	University of Queensland - School of Earth and Environmental Sciences, Centre for Biodiversity and Conservation Science
Mick Stevens	Timber Queensland
Cameron Costello	Quandamooka Yoolooburrabee Aboriginal Corporation
Gemma Plesman	The Wilderness Society
Julie McLellan	Healthy Land and Water
Isabel Tarrago	Cultural Heritage, Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships
Al Mucci	Dreamworld Wildlife Foundation

Speakers

Name	Organisation
Mandy Downes	Department of Environment and Science
Karen Hopper	Department of Environment and Science
Catherine George	Department of Environment and Science
Kirstin Kenyon	Department of Environment and Science
Geoff Lundie-Jenkins	Department of Environment and Science

Departmental support

Name	Organisation
Tiffany Harrington (minutes)	Department of Environment and Science
Steven Howell	Department of Environment and Science
Justine Garcia	Department of Environment and Science
Mark Roberts	Department of State Development, Manufacturing, Infrastructure and Planning
Marry-Anne Hunter	Department of Premiers and Cabinet

Items

Item #	Discussion						
	<p>Welcome from Chair and other business <i>Mark Townend</i></p> <p><u>Acknowledgement of Country</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">The Chair acknowledged the traditional owners past, present and emerging. <p><u>Apologies and introduce proxies</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A round robin of attendees and proxies was undertaken. <p><u>Endorse minutes from 30 July 2019 meeting</u></p> <p>1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">KAC members endorsed the minutes from the KAC meeting on 30 July 2019 as a true and factual representation of the meeting. <p><u>Conflicts of interest</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">The Chair asked KAC members if they had any conflict of interests that should be raised.Marina Vitt raised that she represents a property group.Ramses Zietek raised that he represents a State department that constructs roads.Bill Ellis raised that UQ is working with Queensland Trust for Nature on a koala revegetation program.Daryl Low Choy raised that he represents the largest land owner in Redlands.						
	<hr/> <p>Final version of Draft Koala Conservation Strategy <i>Mandy Downes/Catherine George</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Discussion on the Draft Koala Conservation Strategy.The table below outlines the resolutions on the draft KCS.Chair moved the resolutions be noted – Crystal seconded.KAC vote - majority of hands to move forward. <p>2</p> <table border="1"><tr><td>That the KAC:</td></tr><tr><td>2.1 note the draft SEQ Koala Conservation Strategy for consultation</td></tr><tr><td>2.2 suggest that planning reforms should be considered for inclusion in the consultation</td></tr><tr><td>2.3 note the offset framework is to be provided to KAC and LGs prior to commencement</td></tr><tr><td>2.4 references to planning reforms in the KCS should fully reflect the proposed planning reforms.</td></tr></table>	That the KAC:	2.1 note the draft SEQ Koala Conservation Strategy for consultation	2.2 suggest that planning reforms should be considered for inclusion in the consultation	2.3 note the offset framework is to be provided to KAC and LGs prior to commencement	2.4 references to planning reforms in the KCS should fully reflect the proposed planning reforms.	
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	<hr/> <p>Final version of maps <i>Mandy Downes/Catherine George</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Discussion on amendments to the mapping and the planning controls that will relate to the mapped areas.The table below outlines the resolutions on the final versions of the mapping.Chair moved the resolutions be noted – Rosie seconded.KAC vote - majority of hands to move forward. <p>3</p> <table border="1"><tr><td>That KAC, in the interests of progressing this initiative and in the interest of providing koala protections, note the issues, but unanimous agreement has not been received.</td></tr><tr><td>That KAC:</td></tr><tr><td>3.1 note the issues raised during consultation with LGs</td></tr><tr><td>3.2 note the resulting changes to the koala habitat area mapping and KPAs</td></tr><tr><td>3.3 note the inclusion of locally refined koala habitat area mapping into the State mapping and the future engagement with local governments to refine the locally refined koala habitat area mapping over a two-year period</td></tr><tr><td>3.4 note advice provided of the 16,500 dwelling yield impact is based on best available information</td></tr></table>	That KAC, in the interests of progressing this initiative and in the interest of providing koala protections, note the issues, but unanimous agreement has not been received.	That KAC:	3.1 note the issues raised during consultation with LGs	3.2 note the resulting changes to the koala habitat area mapping and KPAs	3.3 note the inclusion of locally refined koala habitat area mapping into the State mapping and the future engagement with local governments to refine the locally refined koala habitat area mapping over a two-year period	3.4 note advice provided of the 16,500 dwelling yield impact is based on best available information
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3.5	note that clarity is requested on the map amendment process including the role of LGs in transitional areas
3.6	request that the Minister's office assist with Traditional Owner engagement process
3.7	note the need to provide clarity on availability of mapping for all parties (development, conservation, LGs etc.) prior to commencement
3.8	note that communication materials are needed for restoration areas
3.9	note that until clarity around the mapping amendment process is available there are concerns around the mapping
3.10	note concerns regarding the timing allowed to ascertain the level of comfort for LGs
3.11	note that LGs are not happy with locally refined koala habitat area mapping as this was mapping originally provided by the State
3.12	note the impact on dwelling yield by some KAC members is a concern for dwelling supply
3.13	note any KAC members interested in understanding the methodology behind the dwelling yield impacts should liaise directly with Chris Aston, DSDMIP.
3.14	note that QYAC is in the process of preparing a Koala Action Plan for Mingerribah

Final version of planning framework

Mandy Donwes/Catherine George

- Discussed policy position for category X area exemption and the 500m² exemption.
- Discussion on other planning controls including State assessment triggers and local government assessment triggers.

Resolution

- The table below outlines the resolutions on the final versions of the planning framework.
- Revel moved the resolutions be noted – Daryl seconded.
- KAC vote - majority of hands to move forward.

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That the KAC:	
4.1	note the proposed planning triggers
4.2	seeks clarity around how locked in PMAVs for Category X will be treated during the transition period
4.3	note the concern regarding Category X exemptions and their application more broadly given the categorisation is not validated
4.4	note the reliance on consistency for exemptions in the VMA and the Planning Act need to recognise that conservation was not the focus
4.5	requests details on the cumulative impacts of exemptions
4.6	requests circulation of the SDAP
4.7	requests that communication on the issue of compensation payable as a result of changes needs to be addressed from commencement
4.8	requests clarification of the actual wording as it relates to 'practical and appropriate' assessment to ensure applications are clear
4.9	requests clarification as to whether an application can be made under a superseded planning scheme
4.10	requests guidance and support for LGs from commencement including understanding the role of LGs in 'ground truthing'
4.11	notes that planning reforms are always open for feedback
4.12	note that variation applications and approvals should be considered as committed development

Consultation approach

Mandy Downes/Karen Hopper

- Discussion on consultation on draft KCS.

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Resolution

- Revel moved the resolution - Daryl second
- Majority KAC support motion

That the KAC:	
5.1	note the proposed consultation approach
5.2	provide in-principle agreement to participate in targeted forums and information sessions
5.3	support the identification and nomination of representatives to attend the targeting forums
5.4	recommend that LGs, development industry, conservation sector and Traditional Owners should have sector specific forums.
5.5	Note that due to confidentiality agreements in place, this will be the first opportunity to socialise elements with their sector

Update Procedural Guideline

Geoff Lundie-Jenkins

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- Discussion on the procedural guide for assessing requests for the release of rehabilitated koalas outside prescribed habitat.

Resolution

- Rosie moved the resolutions be noted – Kristy seconded
- KAC vote – majority of hands to move forward.

Closing remarks

Mark Townend

Action

Item #	Action	Responsible	Status	Due Date
1	Provide KAC members the offsets policy intent document being provided to local government.	DES		
2	DES to pursue consultation with relevant TO groups as soon as possible in association with the Ministers Office	DES		
3	Provide cumulative impact analysis for exemptions.	DES	Addressed in #5 of planning framework resolutions table above.	
4	Circulate SDAP	DES		
5	Provide clarity on PMAV and category X areas.	DES		
6	Provide confirmation the transitional planning provisions includes variation approvals	DSDMIP		
7	Provide clarification as to whether an application can be made under a superseded planning scheme	DSDMIP		
8	KAC members interested in receiving information on methodology for dwelling supply to contact Chris to facilitate this information sharing.	KAC members	As required	As required

Next meeting

Date	TBA
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